

Time for Remembering

12PM | SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

To remember those who have died, acknowledge those who have been injured and recognise the impact of road trauma on our community.



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

In the spirit of reconciliation Amber Community acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

OPENING LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE Jeanette Suhr OAM

WELCOME Bernadette Nugent and Xander Alpherts

RESPONSIVE READING

(Invitation to say together)

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the re-birth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

'LEAN ON ME'

Tierce de Picardie

COMMUNITY HAIKU POEM

Michela Cardamone and Belinda Dowel

AFFIRMATIONS

(Invitation to say together)

Hold on to what is good,
Even if it's a handful of earth.
Hold on to what you believe,
Even if it's a tree that stands by itself.
Hold on to what you must do,
Even if it's a long way from here.
Hold on to your life,
Even if it's easier to let go.
Hold on to our hand,
Even if I've gone away from you.

Pueblo Indian Prayer

We walk along with them without judgment,
sharing their journey to an unknown destination.
We're completely willing to end up wherever they need to go.
We give our heart,
let go of control,
and offer unconditional support.

Lynn Hauka, The Sweetness of Holding Space for Another

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE Sharon O'Dwyer

HARP SOLO Michael Johnson

WORDS OF CONTEMPLATION

I have not heard your voice in years
But my heart has conversations
With you everyday.

Jennifer Williamson

May you find tender shelter and healing blessings
Whenever you are called to stand in the place of pain.
May you know that absence is full of tender presence
And that nothing is ever lost or forgotten.
May you be blessed with good friends
May you learn to be a good friend to yourself.

Adapted from the Celtic Blessings of John O'Donohue

Again, again we come and go,
Changed, changing.
Hands join, unjoin in love and fear,
Grief and joy.
The circles turn,
Each giving into each, into all.

Wendell Berry

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet
voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow'.

Mary Anne Radmacher

HOPES OF THE PEOPLE

Belinda Dowel
Claire Mann
Merryn Wallace

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

You are invited to light a candle of personal remembrance. Some names of people who have lost their lives on our roads will be read aloud as the candles are lit.

'SISTER MY SISTER'

Tierce de Picardie

Representatives of the community and services involved in road trauma offer the following hopes.

THE BEREAVED Wendy Bowler

I come representing those who are bereaved – the family members and friends who now have the memory of those they love. (Brief silence)

We remember the many who have died as a result of road crashes. We give thanks for their lives and all that they have meant to ourselves and others. We support and offer comfort to those who grieve. We remember them.

THOSE INJURED AND THEIR CARERS Rev. Dr Andy Calder

I come representing those who suffer the effects of road trauma in body, mind and spirit and those who care for them. (Brief silence)

We remember with compassion those who carry injury and disability following road trauma. We support them, their families and friends. May they be strengthened in hope and perseverance. We remember them.

THE WITNESSES Sam Howie

I come representing people who have witnessed road trauma and who have experienced a range of thoughts and feelings that can be difficult to process. (Brief silence)

We remember and support with care everyone affected by road trauma, who are weighed down by the sadness of what they have seen, heard and experienced. We remember them.

EMERGENCY SERVICES Glenn Weir

I come representing the emergency services – Ambulance, Fire Services, State Emergency Service and Victoria Police. Members see the impact of road trauma and do all they can to support the community. (Brief silence)

We acknowledge with gratitude the skills, knowledge and compassion of emergency service workers, past and present, and their deep commitment to the community. We remember them.

HEALTH AND HEALING SERVICES Susan Konstantas

I come representing those who offer physical, emotional and spiritual support for people impacted by road trauma. We acknowledge people's pain and suffering, and together work towards adapting to the loss and changes they face. (Brief silence)

We remember with thankfulness the skill and dedication of all health care professionals who treat and support those injured in body, mind and spirit. We appreciate them as they use their knowledge and skills to optimise health and instil hope for the future. We remember them.

THE LAW Stuart Le Grand

I come representing those involved in the making and administration of our laws. Through the law we seek to promote justice and responsible behaviour in all who use our roads, and we strive for fair outcomes. (Brief silence)

We remember and respect those whose responsibility it is to make and administer laws for the sake of us all. We thank them for their wisdom in making decisions that help shape a just, caring and responsible community. We remember them.

OUR COMMUNITY Anne Harris

I come representing the community. Our community is only as strong as the commitment we each give to its wellbeing. We acknowledge the responsibility we share for keeping our roads safe. (Brief silence)

We remember everyone in our diverse community and acknowledge the ripple effect of road trauma. We reinforce our collective commitment to making our roads safer. We remember them.

'THROW YOUR ARMS AROUND ME'

Tierce de Picardie

CONCLUDING MESSAGE

And now our journey continues.
As we have remembered with love,
let us leave with renewed hope
to support and care for each other,
and with the determination to make our roads
safer for all who use them.

PLEASE STAY AND ENJOY REFRESHMENTS WITH US

THANK YOU

Time for Remembering is supported by the Transport Accident Commission.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR HOPES OF THE PEOPLE:

Bereaved: Wendy Bowler, Volunteer, Amber Community

Emergency services: Glenn Weir, Assistant Commissioner, Victoria Police

Health and healing services: Susan Konstantas, Counsellor, Amber Community

Injured and carers: Rev. Dr Andy Calder, Honorary Life Member, Amber Community

Our community: Anne Harris, Director, Behaviour, Education & Community Road Safety, Transport Accident Commission

The law: Stuart Le Grand, Board Director, Amber Community

Witnesses: Sam Howie, Sargent, Victoria Police

OUR APPRECIATION TO:

Bernadette Nugent, Chief Executive Officer, Amber Community

Board directors, staff and volunteers of Amber Community for their tireless work

Claire Mann, Counsellor, Amber Community

Fiona Price, for reading the names

Jeanette Suhr OAM, Honorary Life Member and Cofounder, Amber Community for lighting the candle

Members of Amber Community's Art Therapy Group

Merryn Wallace, Board Director, Amber Community

Michael Johnson, Harpist

Michela Cardamone and Belinda Dowel, members of Amber Community's Art Therapy Group

Sharon O'Dwyer, for sharing her story

The choir, Tierce de Picardie

Xander Alpherts, Chairman, Amber Community

Amber Community's counselling services are free and available to anyone affected by road trauma contact 1300 367 797.

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